

House Resolution No. 1426

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions which are dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of their members in particular and of society in general; and

Whereas, United Pentecostal Church International has attained distinction as a Missouri headquartered, worldwide religious organization which is composed of nearly sixteen thousand licensed ministers, more than twenty-one thousand churches and meeting places, and 2.6 million members; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2003, United Pentecostal Church International will participate in National Day of Prayer services at its central offices located in Hazelwood, Missouri, where prayers will be offered for various needs from mid-morning to mid-afternoon with the 12:00 p.m. hour devoted to a special Concert of Praise; and

Whereas, one of the fastest growing denominations in North America, United Pentecostal Church International was established in 1945 through the merger of more than six hundred congregations associated with the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated, and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, United Pentecostal Church International can trace its spiritual roots to the Pentecostal movement which began in Topeka, Kansas, in 1901, and its organizational roots to the withdrawal of a large group of ministers from the Assemblies of God in October 1916 due to differences over the doctrinal issues of the oneness of God and of water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, today's United Pentecostal Church International carries on its important work through the Pentecostal Publishing House, a Christian bookstore, seven Bible colleges, a children's home, a residency program for troubled young men, ministries for those addicted to alcohol and other drugs, chaplaincies for prisoners and the military, and independent congregations whose ministers meet in sectional, district, and general conferences in a modified presbyterian system:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the leadership and membership of United Pentecostal Church International and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a highly successful National Day of Prayer observance on May 1, 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for United Pentecostal Church International, as a measure of our respect and esteem for it and its spiritual labors.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Stevenson
District No. 128

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1426, adopted April 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker